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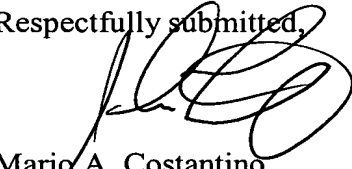
Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-14 are amended. No new matter is added. The amendments do not narrow the claims.

The specification is amended to correct minor informalities. The claims are amended for clarity and consistency and to remove wording from claims 1-9 that might have been construed as a means-plus-function limitation.

The Examiner is requested to consider the information submitted with the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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